

NEWPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 26, 2015

1. The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Newport School District was called to order by Director Owen at 5:01 p.m. in the District Board Room.
2. Roll Call: April Owen, Jim Brewster, Mitch Stratton, Connie Moore, Paul Wilson, Board of Directors; Dave Smith, Superintendent and Debra Buttrey, Business Manager. There were 13 visitors in attendance.
3. Motion to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda:
Motion made by Director Stratton, seconded by Director Brewster to approve the agenda with changes. Vote was unanimous.
4. Minutes of the regular meeting held October 13, 2015 was approved, will stand as read.
5. Consent Agenda:
Surplus Items: Books and Materials not needed at the Pend Oreille River School
6. Individuals or Groups Wishing to Address the Board:
7. Financial Reports (m) : Debra Buttrey
 - A. Approval of October Payroll (m) – Warrant numbers 212433 through 212523, totaling \$798,131.30
Motion to approve October Accounts Payable was made by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Moore. Vote was unanimous.
 - B. Approval of September Accounts Payable (m) – Warrant numbers 212524 through 212662, totaling \$298,063.53
Motion to approve October Accounts Payable was made by Director Moore, seconded by Director Stratton. Vote was unanimous.
8. Old Business: None
9. New Business:
 - A. Microsoft/Fire Science Report, Randy Wyrobek;
Mr. Wyrobek started out by thanking the Board for all of their support. He then introduced Zack Hein and presented him with a Certificate of Introduction into Microsoft Word. Mr. Wyrobek explained to the Board that Zack put in a lot of hours to receive this certificate of completion. Zack will now be eligible for extra scholarships and can compete at State and National levels.
Mr. Wyrobek then explained to the Board that he would like to recognize some students that went to State for Fire Science. He added that all four of these young men are the backbone of the Fire Science Program here at Newport. Mr. Wyrobek then presented Kyler Zorika a certificate for 10th place at State for CPR/First Aide, Levi Litowitz a certificate for 8th place for CPR, Otis Smith

received a certificate for 6th place for Fire Fighting, and Kayben Hastings received a certificate for 4th place at State in Fire Science. Mr. Wyrobek mentioned that Kayben missed the Bronze place by 1/10 of a point! Mr. Wyrobek told the Board that the Fire Science students are getting ready to put up the downtown Christmas lights and they will be fundraising by selling Christmas wreaths, which really helps students with their leadership skills. Superintendent Smith then thanked Mr. Wyrobek for all the time he puts into the program. He also asked if these students will be going to state again. Mr. Wyrobek responded that they have to go through regionals first. Director Owen asked when regionals take place and Mr. Wyrobek responded that they are in February and State is in April.

B. Director Reports

- **Discovery Center, Donna Molvik**
Donna gave the Board an overview of the Grizzly Discovery Center. She reported that the GDC was opened Sept. 14th, 2015 and that currently, there are 126 students enrolled, with a maximum capacity of 130. The primary focus for this year is student goal setting. There are also concentrated training efforts to familiarize the new academic coaching staff with Youth Program Quality Standards. Mrs. Molvik included that The Grizzly Fitness Program has been a tremendous addition to the afterschool program. Donna mentioned that Michele Hastings leads K-6th students in a variety of cardio and strength building exercises for 30 to 45 minutes several times a week and that Erin Mix leads 4th-6th grade students in a weekly one-hour self-defense/karate class. That course runs for six weeks and will be offered to students in other grades. At the NHS site, the GDC team is introducing goal setting and planning to students and that students are identifying subjects in which they struggle the most and which school day teacher they believe will support them the most when asking for help. The GDC Team will be meeting with teachers to develop plans with and for the students. Mrs. Molvik finished her report by thanking the Board for their support.
- **Nutrition Services, Sheila Myrvang**
Mrs. Myrvang started out by reporting that things in the Nutrition Department have been going awesome. She also said that the high school and middle school has had more breakfast participation than ever before. She mentioned that they are starting to bring in new food items, to make sure that Newport School District is in compliance. So far the kids seem to be receptive to the changes. The kitchen departments have also been working on scratch cooking alternatives. A future goal Mrs. Myrvang has is to make sure each school is in the same compliance and also she will be working on the Wellness Policy as well as the Lunch Charging Policy sometime this year.
- **Special Programs, Michele Hunt**
Mrs. Hunt reported to the Board that currently, there were 166 students in Special Education on count day however; we have added 10 more students, making the number 176. Director Owen asked if that is an increase from last year and Michele replied that we ended last year at 166, so we are way up. Michele added that the Special Education staff is

great, which really helps when there are so many students. Mrs. Hunt added that our Policy 3246 about isolation restraint will need to be updated because in July; Bill 1240 was passed, so isolation restraint policies are no longer allowed.

Michele finished by saying that there are still two more waiver days and she has been working with the staff to see what their needs are to cover on those waiver days.

- Maintenance, Scott Armstrong
Mr. Armstrong reported that the entire maintenance crew has been gearing up and getting ready for winter. He also included that there are new custodians in every school and that each team works really well together and that the maintenance crew is also doing an excellent job. Director Owen asked about the state of the bathrooms at the football field and Scott the system was never designed to accommodate the volume of use it is receiving. They are doing what they can to prevent it from having major issues.
- Business Office, Debra Buttrey
Mrs. Buttrey gave the Board a brief update on what she has been working on since starting here earlier this year. She mentioned that she has been reconciling accounts, working on year end balances, and cleaning up account descriptions and coding items properly, when necessary. Debra mentioned that there has been a change in the way purchases have been happening, now requiring the employee to have approval prior to purchasing. Looking forward, Debra said that she is planning on filing the F-196 this week, she is re-creating the current budget to become more familiar with the entire process, she would like to get financial information on the website, and she is also expecting to switch to two accounts payable check runs per month.

C. Superintendent Report, Dave Smith

- Senator Listening Tour:
Mr. Smith mentioned that he was able to attend and that it was a precursor to January.
- Curriculum and Instruction:
Superintendent Smith said that the district is looking at curriculum adoption and guide lines, and that he is making sure we have correct curriculum for today's standards, adding that we will need to budget for additional curriculum if necessary.
- Safe and Supportive Schools:
Mr. Smith said that the district is looking at possible hardware for lockdowns and that he making sure every school is on the same page for safety.
- Technology and Facilities:
The district recently bought 5 brand new Chrome Books, which are being used on a daily basis, and that it is helping to make some really neat things happen in the classroom. Mr. Smith also said that he and the building principals have done a walk through each building and they will be focused on the highest needs first to update the schools.

- Engaged Students, Parents and Community:
Mr. Smith reported that parents and the community have many different options to be kept current of what is happening in the schools, between the webpage, face book, twitter, newsletters and Friday flyers.

Superintendent Smith finished by saying that he really appreciates the directors attending tonight's meeting and their updates.

10. Policies (m):

11. Miscellaneous:

Director Brewster informed the Board and audience visitors that it's only 59 days, 6 hours, and 43 seconds until Christmas!

Director Moore mentioned that there seems to be a lot of really great things happening all over the entire district.

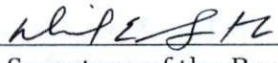
12. Agenda Items for November 16, 2015 Board Meeting to be held at District Office Board Room at 5:00PM

- A. Monthly Report
- B. Policies

13. Hearing no objections, Director Owen adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 6:01 PM.



Chair/Vice Chair of the Board



Secretary of the Board

11/16/2015
Date